

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 6, please amend Paragraph [0034] as follows:

[0034] The illuminating beam 312 travels to a beam splitter 313. The beam splitter 313 may be, for example, 50% reflective. Light that is reflected from the beam splitter 313 constitutes an object beam 316 and travels toward the sample 310 via an objective lens 320, which collimates the light to illuminate the sample 310 with a collimated beam. A portion of the light reflected from the sample 310 comprises a reflected beam 328 and passes through the beam splitter 313 and an imaging lens 322 for detection by one or more detectors 302, 304. As illustrated in FIG. 3A, a component of the reflected beam 328 travels to the detector 302 by passing through a beam splitter 330. Another component of the reflected ~~beam 328~~ **beam 329** travels to the detector 304 by reflecting from the beam splitter 330. The beam splitter 330 may be, for example, 50% reflective. Alternatively, the beam splitter 330 may comprise a polarizing beam splitter.